Subletting of land belonging to the Paradeep Port Trust

1146. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of SURFACETRANSORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land earmarked in favour of Paradeep Port Trust by the State Government;

(b) the total area of land in actual possession of the Port Authority;

(c) whether any subletting of the land has come to die notice of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) The total area of land earmarked in favour of Paradip Port Trust by the State Government was 6889.41 Acres.

(b) The total area of land in actual possession of the Port Authority is 6382.07 Acres.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Providing water to Gujarat from Indira Gandhi Canal

1147. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to provide water from rivers of Northern India to Gujarat through Indira Gandhi Canal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the work is expected to start; and

(d) the districts likely to be benefited by the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Involvement of private sector in Telecom Infrastructure

1148. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of telecommunication industry in the month of May, 1996 discussed the key question of financing basic and cellular project;

(b) if so, the main points discussed and decisions arrived at;

(c) whether Government have decided not to reverse the steps taken so far to include the private sector into the telecom infrastructure of the country; and

(d) if so, the changes made in the previous decision?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNI-CATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The Communications Ministry did not meet the represetnatives of the Telecom Industry to discuss the matter referred to.

(c) and (d) There is no move to reverse the steps taken so far.

पंजाब में दूरभाष केन्द्रों का आधुनिकीकरण

1149. श्री इकबाल सिंह: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पंजाब राज्य में दूरभाष केन्द्रों का आधुनिकीकरण करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) पंजाब-राज्य में 51,400 लाइनों की क्षमता वाले केवल सात इलेक्ट्रोमेकेनिकल एक्सचेंज हैं। इन्हें नौवीं योजना के दौरान इलेक्ट्रॉनिक एक्सचेंजों में उत्तरोत्तर रूप से बदलने की योजना बनाई गई है।

(ग) उक्त भाग (ख) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।